

It is both the responsibility and public mandate of the FCC to insure that media serves the collective benefit of the 'people'. We are not benefited when an issue as important as the FCC's recent decision to review/change media ownership rules occurs and the only major broadcaster to report this (ABC) does so at 4:40 am. I'd say this is a 'case in point'. Even a superficial look at what media consolidation to date has actually done to 1) objectivity 2) unbiased reporting of events 3) diversity of views 4) stating the simple TRUTH, reveals that allowing further sabotage on public media ownership/control is a huge mistake.

Referring to the not so hidden attempt by the corporate agenda to control the public media, commissioner Copps stated,"....it also has some profound democratic and social and political considerations that we ignore only at our own tremendous peril." In my opinion, his words are an understatement. I am totally opposed to ANY deregulation of the FCC's current standards. If anything these ought to be more stringently written and enforced. The corporate grab has already managed to manipulate and work around existing regulations. Those of us who pay attention have watched this not so hidden corporate power grab for the last decade and we are outraged!

It is the function of the FCC to support and protect the public good not the profit-driven corporations and power-driven political interests.